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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT AID OFFICIALS
WERE BRIEFED TODAY ON THE US POSITION CONCERNING IFAD
PER REFTEL. THEY SEE GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND
EC POSITIONS BUT HAVE QUESTIONS ON WEIGHTED VOTING AND
MEMBERSHIP. THE COMMUNITY WILL DISCUSS THE EC POSITION
AT THE DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS' COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 13.
EC PARTICIPATION IN IFAD IS LINKED TO THE MINISTERS' DECISION
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ON A NEW AID PROGRAM FOR THE NON-ASSOCIATED LDCS--

AN ISSUE WHICH FACES ROUGH SLEDDING IN AN ECONOMY-MINDED EC. OUR CONTACTS SAY THAT IF THERE IS SOME MEASURE OF APPROVAL ON THE NON-ASSOCIATED AID PROGRAM THEN IFAD WOULD BE HIGH ON THE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF ANY NEW FUNDS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, ON OCTOBER 10 WE BRIEFED DIETER FRISCH, DIVISION CHIEF FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY STUDIES IN DG VIII (DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION) AND PATRICK HOGUET, HIS STAFF SPECIALIST ON IFAD, CONCERNING THE US POSITION ON IFAD AND OUR DESIRE THAT DAC PARTICIPANTS BE ADEQUATELY INSTRUCTED FOR THE OCTOBER 16 MEETING. THEY APPRECIATED BEING BRIEFED IN ADVANCE ON THE DETAILS OF OUR POSITION AS THEY ARE IN THE MIDST OF PREPARATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE ON THE AGENDA OF THE DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS' COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG, OCTOBER 13.

3. FRISCH SEES CONSIDERABLE SIMILARITY IN THE US AND EC APPROACHES TO IFAD. HE SAYS THE BILLION DOLLAR TARGET, WITH US CAVEATS, SEEMS ACCEPTABLE AND AGREES WITH US ON THE USE OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HE SAYS THE QUESTION OF WEIGHTED VOTING HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE MEMBER STATES. SOME (THE LARGER) MEMBER STATES TRADITIONALLY SUPPORT WEIGHTED VOTING BUT THE DUTCH AND OTHER SMALLER MEMBER STATES COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH IT. FRISCH AND HOGUET ALSO QUERIED WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IN OUR SUGGESTED ALTERNATE TEST ON MEMBERSHIP (PARA 7.A OF THE REFTTEL). THE NATURE OF ANY EC PARTICIPATION REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED BUT FRISCH NOTED THAT OUR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE QUOTE MEMBERS SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISH TO JOIN AS A STATE OR GROUP OF STATES BUT NOT AS BOTH UNQUOTE COULD PRESENT PROBLEMS IF BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATE. THEY WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE OTHER ELEMENTS CITED IN PARA 7 BUT AT FIRST HEARING DID NOT FORESEE ANY SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS.

4. CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS' COUNCIL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRISCH STRESSED THAT THE POSITION THE EC IS ABLE TO TAKE ON IFAD IS LINKED DIRECTLY TO THE RESULTS OF MEMBER STATE DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID TO THE NON-ASSOCIATED LDCS. THE COMMISSION MADE ITS PROPOSALS FOR AID TO THE NON-ASSOCIATES EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NON-ASSOCIATED LDC'S (MOSTLY FOR FORMER BRITISH POSSESSIONS, IN EFFECT THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT).

THE AID WOULD FOCUS ON THE POOREST LDCS AND EMPHASIZE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THUS IFAD FITS IN WELL WITH THE COMMISSION'S THINKING. THE PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE INITIAL AID OUTLAYS OF 100 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (ABOUT 116 MILLION DOLLARS) IN 1976 RISING TO 200 MILLION PER ANNUM BY 1980. MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY GERMANY, TAKE A DIM VIEW OF ANY NEW AID OBLIGATIONS AT THE MOMENT AND FRISCH, USUALLY OPTIMISTIC, IS PARTICULARLY GUARDED IN HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE MINISTERS' UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT IFAD ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND IF THE MINISTERS CAN AGREE, AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE, TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSION'S NON-ASSOCIATES' PACKAGE, IFAD WOULD, IN HIS VIEW, BE ALIKELY RECIPIENT OF SOME OF THE NEW FUNDS. EH SAID IT IS ALSO COMPLETELY POSSIBLE THAT NOTHING WILL EMERGE FROM MONDAY'S MEETING.

5. FRISCH WAS TO BRIEF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON LATER TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR MONDAY'S COUNCIL AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM CHEYSSON OF OUR REPRESENTATION. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EC'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OCTOBER 16 DAC MEETING WOULD OF COURSE REFLECT THE MINISTERS' DISCUSSIONS IN LUXEMBOURG. GREENWALD

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